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This application is the U.S. national phase application of PCT Application No. PCT/JP2004/019214, filed December 22, 2004. JP 2000-115885; JP 4-324798 and JP 63-7000 are identified on Form PTO/SB/08a, as they were cited in an International Preliminary Report on Patentability (IPRP) dated April 14, 2006 and in an International Search Report (ISR) dated

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March 15, 2005 in the underlying PCT Application. A copy of the ISR and the IPRP (with English translation) are provided herewith. The claims in the present invention are substantially similar to the claims filed in the PCT Application and it should be noted that the Written Opinion indicates that claims 1-2 satisfy the international criteria for patentability.

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